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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Arado Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. At noon on 19 February, two rows totaling about 75 single-engine aircraft covered with tarpaulins were seen at the Brandenburg-Arado (W 53/Z 23) airfield. Each plane had a weapon projecting from the rear of the cockpit. (1)
2. The new chief of the Soviet depot in Brandenburg, who said that he had come from Gueterbog-Altes Lager (W 53/Z 69), used Opel Kapitän [REDACTED]. It is believed that he brought this 50X1-HUM vehicle from his previous station.
3. A ration return slip [REDACTED] was turned in on 24 February 1951. [REDACTED] The slip contained the following strength data: List 1 (category 5 ration allowances) 180 officers; List 2 (category 2 ration allowances) 170 officers. (4) Category 5 ration allowances, the highest, is reserved for flying personnel only, while category 3 ration allowances are given to 50X1-HUM qualified ground personnel such as engineers, navigators and officers. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] two new branch depots would have to be set up at the base. 50X1-HUM
4. On 7 March 1951, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., about 40 IL-10s and a number of PO-2s were seen parked in two rows facing each other in the northeastern part of the Brandenburg-Arado air- 50X1-HUM field. (1) Visibility was good. Every third or fourth IL-10 had a red propeller hub. [REDACTED]
5. Truck [REDACTED] loaded with drums, was parked at the eastern edge of the field. [REDACTED] A red fire truck [REDACTED] was 50X1-HUM

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standing beside the truck. About 150 meters from the southern edge of the landing field three civilians were shoveling sand onto a civilian truck. They were excavating a small ditch, probably a cable duct, along the southern edge of the field. No radio installation was observed at the field or in its vicinity. There was no flying. (6)

6. The partly destroyed buildings in the southeastern part of the field were being reconstructed. Two large barracks with a capacity of about 150 men each were about 70 percent rebuilt. About 150 men were employed on this project. Signboards set up at the building site were lettered VEB Vereinigte Stahlwerke Brandenburg (Amalgamated Steel Works, Nationalized Enterprise). The aircraft scrap previously piled up at the eastern and southern edges of the field was almost completely removed.

Comments

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- (1) Since the field is only occupied by one ground attack regiment, the 75 planes allegedly seen there appears to be an overestimation. This statement on the strength of the aircraft occupation of the installation also contradicts the data contained in paragraph 4 of the present report. The ground attack regiment in Brandenburg-Grado is believed to be equipped with an estimated 40 to 50 planes. 50X1-HUM

The strength data cannot be verified. With regard to the one ground attack regiment believed to be stationed in Brandenburg, the number of officers mentioned appears to be too high even if the assigned ground units are taken into account. Aircraft of type IL-10 with a red upper edge on their rudder assemblies have been observed only in Jüterbog-Altes Lager.

- (6) No radio installations have been observed at the field.

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